

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a front hood arrangement on a vehicle, comprising a hinge mechanism that is located in the rear relative to the direction of travel and is embodied as a quadruple joint with a long and a short pull rod. The hinge mechanism allows the front hood to be swiveled during normal opening and closing while allowing the same to be raised in the rear zone during a collision of the vehicle. Such a hinge mechanism is provided with a spring element which actuates an adjusting lever during a collision while the adjusting lever acts directly upon the front hood and rests thereupon either directly or via intermediate elements. The joints of the quadruple joint located at the front hood end are hingedly fixed to a swiveling lever. In the neutral position, one end of the swiveling lever is removably fastened to the front hood while the other end thereof can be swiveled relative to the front hood about a pivot joint that is disposed in the area where the adjusting lever is associated with the front hood. The adjusting lever, which is guided by the pull rods of the quadruple joint and the swiveling lever that detaches from the front hood at one end, lifts the front hood relative to the neutral state in the event of a collision.--